

IRC asks voluntary utility cut

Will your money go up in 'smoke this winter? According to Don Henry, University treasurer, there has been a tremendous increase in utility costs on this campus in the past few years. This has had significance in the rising costs of tuition and housing fees.

YEAR	TOTAL UTILITY COST
1973-74	\$400,061
1974-75	\$455,905
1975-76	\$623,683
1976-77	\$931,169

In order to halt this drain on both the students' and taxpayers' pocketbooks, IRC (Inter-Residence Hall Council) has suggested a proposal to reduce energy consumption on this campus says Larry Bunse, member of Energy Conservation Committee. This proposal will rely heavily on student cooperation and involvement.

Three trial methods suggested are a slight reduction in water temperature, elimination of unnecessary lighting and readjustment of ventilation system.

If you have any additional suggestions for conserving energy, please feel free to give them to your hall council member or IRC representative.

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State auditor to visit campus

State Auditor Thomas M. Keyes will speak about the duties of his office and careers in auditing 7 p.m., Dec. 7, in the Upper Lakeview room.

Keyes, whose visit is sponsored by the Young Democrat Club, was appointed state auditor Jan. 27 to fill the unexpired term of



Thomas M. Keyes

George Lehr. Keyes is only the second state auditor in Missouri history with CPA credentials.

At the time of his nomination, Keyes has remained active as a business and financial consultant.

Keyes received his CPA certification in 1945 and is certified in ten states as well as Missouri. He has served as President of the Missouri State Board of Accountancy, an agency which licenses and regulates the state's accountants.

Everyone is invited to attend the speech and the reception following the speech.

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Students wishing to mark possessions should check to see when Operation ID comes to their campus location. Security officials hope to deter campus thefts by the system. Butch Piural, campus security officer, demonstrates the technique. Photos by Chuck Stolz.

Operation ID scheduled

Operation ID will begin on Dec. 5.

Operation ID is a plan to stop thefts on campus. Darrel Johnson, who is in charge of Operation ID, said that this should, "lessen the chances of students' valuables being stolen. It might depress those who might want to steal from dorm rooms."

Operation ID is simple for the students. All they have to do is bring their valuables (which can be anything from spoons to stereos) to their dorm lounge. There, Johnson and his assistants will have the student fill out a card that includes name, social security number, address and phone plus the brand, model, serial number and description of each item. This card will be

on file in the security office.

Then by means of an engraving instrument, the item will be marked. Johnson says they will mark it so that it will not damage the value of the item.

Gary Frost, security investigator, said that this operation is "entirely for the students. We're hoping for a great response." The operation is strictly voluntary, says Frost, but "it is a good safeguard."

Some of the help will be paid with money from the CETA grant (Comprehensive Employment and Training ACT). To be eligible for the grant, employees must meet certain requirements and go through

numerous interviews.

Aside from helping with Operation ID, students will also help with crime and fire prevention.

Operation ID will be held from 12-8 p.m. in Cooper Hall, Dec. 5; Douglas, Dec. 6; Richardson, Dec. 7; Phillips, Dec. 8; Dieterich, Dec. 9; Cook, Dec. 10; Milliken Dec. 12; Franken, Dec. 13; Hudson, Dec. 14; Perrin, Dec. 15; Roberta, Dec. 16.

Students can take their valuables to other dorms if it is not possible to attend their own dorm's Operation ID. Off campus students may bring their items to be marked to the Security Office in the Student Union in the mornings, Dec. 5-16.

Senate discusses ACT requirement

Student Senate discussed a resolution at their Nov. 29 meeting that the Admissions Committee has made. The resolution said that every student who enrolls at NWMSU will have to take the ACT test. At the present they don't.

If the score on the English section of the test is less than 15, students will have to take remedial English 110. This doesn't fulfill the English requirement.

This resolution would go into effect next fall. Senate members said they are concerned about the problems involving the future of the general studies program and plan to look into the matter.

Another topic of discussion was the blood-drive. In the past two years NWMSU has contributed an average of 245 pints of blood. Senate would like to beat that record. President Rex Gwinn said that every student and faculty member and their families is eligible for free blood while here at NWMSU. The blood-drive is Dec. 5, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Viewbooks will be given to students interested in giving information concerning NWMSU to friends said Deb Mullins. These books have information about the University that prospective students would be interested in. The books will be given out at the information booth in the Union, Dec. 8, 9 and 12.

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J. P. Morgan, Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice, administers the oath of office to NWMSU's eighth president, Dr. B.D. Owens. On the far right, Welton Ideker honors sixth president Dr. J.W. Jones with one of the 11 distinguished Service Awards. Photos by Chuck Stolz.

Official swearing-in ceremony concludes inaugural celebration

Barbara Alexander

Dr. B.D. Owens officially became NWMSU's eighth president Nov. 14 in a conclusion to the week-long celebrations honoring him and the University.

President Owens commented in his Inaugural speech, "As an undergraduate student here at Northwest Missouri State University, the thought never occurred to me that I would be asked to follow in the footsteps of some truly great presidents." He then recognized the faculty from whom he learned while at NWMSU. Of those, Dr. John Harr, Dr. Elwyn DeVore and Myles Grabau are still with the University today.

Urging honest evaluation of every aspect of the University, President Owens said, "A University is not collectively stronger than its weakest component." Speaking of the University's heritage as its foundation, he pointed out that the University is moving forward, that change is on higher education and on NWMSU as well.

President Owens ended with a pledge to bring his finest efforts to the University and its progress as one of America's finest universities.

Present at the Inauguration ceremony was President Emeritus J. W. Jones, who was presented one of the 11 Distinguished Service Awards. Commenting on the week-long Inaugural activities and espec-

ially the Inauguration itself, Dr. Jones said, "I think it will be very nice. I never had the brains to think of it."

Distinguished Service Awards were also presented to Everett W. Brown, E. Thomas Coleman, Harding C. Cox, W. M. C. Dawson, James C. Kirkpatrick, Judge J. P. Morgan, William F. Phares, C. F. Russell, James L. Russell and Garvin Williams.

The specially created University Mace, carried by Lee Hageman, one of its creators, let the Procession and left the stage after the Recessional, carried by Philip Van Voorst, co-creator. Van Voorst carried the Chain-of-Office onto the podium.

President Owens took the oath of office from Judge Morgan, Chief Justice of the Missouri Supreme Court and 1940 graduate of the University. The Chain-of-Office was then placed around President Owens' neck.

Following the Inaugural ceremony approximately 300 people representing faculty, students, local businessmen, area politicians and retired faculty attended a luncheon in the Union Ballroom.

The luncheon honoring President Owens was emceed by James Kirkpatrick, Missouri Secretary of State. He introduced the podium guests, who each greeted the new President.

Representing NWMSU alumni was

national Alumni Association President, local businessman and college classmate of Dr. Owens, Bob Severson. He spoke of the particular pride of welcoming "one of our own" as University president.

E.D. Geyer, president of the Board of Regents, reminded the audience again of the "momentum toward the margin of excellence" stressed in the Inaugural Week activities. Geyer also served as emcee of the Inaugural ceremony.

Following the speeches, Kirkpatrick delivered a message from Governor Joseph Teasdale. Rising to reply, President Owens received a standing ovation, which he shared with his wife.

"We deeply appreciate everything," said President Owens. "We've come home."

During the program special recognition was given to Mrs. Owens, a 1958 graduate NWMSU, and to Mrs. A.L. Owens, mother of the president.

Closing the Inaugural day events was the reception from 3-5 p.m. in the Union

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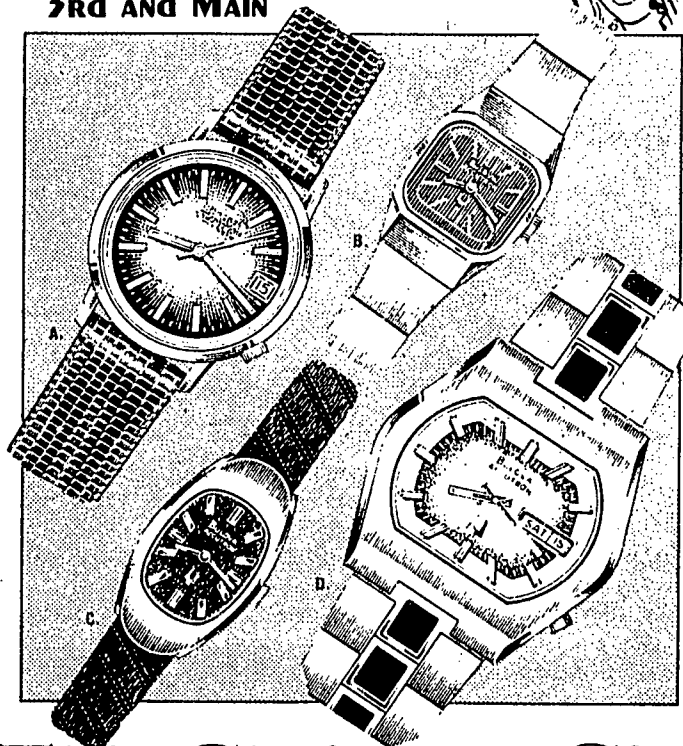
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Did pre-registration work?

Suzanne Cruzen

Pre-registration, which may be an unwelcome task for students and faculty, "will never be easy as long as there are closed classes" according to Martha Cooper, Registrar.

Held Nov. 10 and 11 in the Student Union Ballroom, 2,989 students pre-registered for the '78 spring semester.

Cooper cited the "fact that we were able to help the student reschedule closed classes" as one of the positive aspects of the new system. She added, however, that some students disliked not being able to negotiate with the faculty member to be allowed in these closed classes.

Students who pre-registered were required to show proof of classification, present their \$25 deposit receipt, and then would obtain a permit to enroll.

Students who had lost their receipt were

asked to sign a paper indicating that they had paid the \$25. According to Cooper, about 100 students lost their receipt but very few advisement sheets were lost.

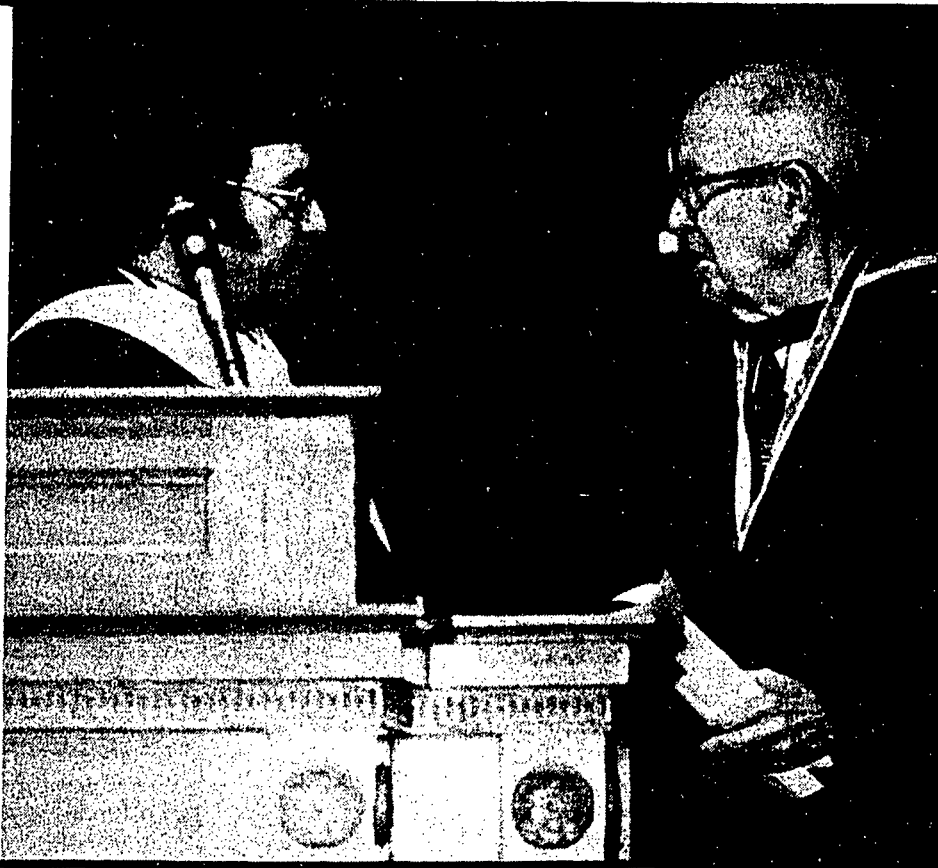
"The anxiety of lines" was one of the biggest problems of this method according to Cooper. Although most students were able to get through in ten minutes, many seniors experienced an hour-long wait.

"I did not predict that the seniors would all come during their noon hour," said Cooper. "If we could have spread them out over their allotted time, we wouldn't have had a problem."

Another objection the students had was that the "restriction of two days meant some of the students' plans had to be changed."

"Some students resented us taking away their Friday evening," said Cooper. Some

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Lounge. Guests met the President and Mrs. Owens and viewed the Inaugural Mace and Chain-of-Office.

Mrs. Owens earlier in the day said, "I'm very much awed by the whole thing. I have to enjoy every moment, but I'm not sure I can absorb it all."

Many students chose not to attend the Inaugural ceremony. Those who did attend were pleased.

"It was exciting," said Kathy Smith, sophomore, who commutes from Fairfax.

Toia Nurmberg said, "I loved it. After seeing the Inauguration it (the money

spent) was worth it to me."

"It was nice, I liked it," said Martha Moss, business instructor. She added that some people found it offensive.

Foreign students who attended expressed the feeling that it was their only chance to ever see an Inauguration of this kind.

For President Owens, it was "hard for any one moment to stand out. I guess the most impressive moment...was our chorale and band singing the song of democracy."

He was also pleased with the exposure of the students to the outstanding alumni who came back to participate in the symposia.

Farm strike support asked

Two supporters of the American Agricultural Movement, Galen Wood and Max Hargrove, met recently with members of the Agriculture Club.

The supporters from the Rushville, MO, area spoke in favor of the proposed agricultural strike that may take effect on Dec. 14.

Wood said the main reason for the strike is "to get prices up to what we're producing." The farmers are demanding 100 percent of parity for agricultural products produced and consumed in the United States. If the cost of living goes up, then the farmer's prices should go up. If the index comes down then their prices will go down.

Wood and Hargrove told the group that according to the USDA farmers will have to refinance money for next year's crop if their demands aren't met. This means that farmers who have their land and machinery paid for will have to pay for it again with the prices the way they are.

If the government doesn't grant the 100 percent parity to the farmers, they will take action. First they will not sell this year's crop. Second, they will not plant next year's crop. And last, they will not buy any farm machinery.

The last step will also hurt the Labor Union, so the farmers expect to have the Labor Union endorse their strike. If not, the machinery manufacturers will have a lot of excess machinery in their yards.

Wood was asked what will happen after Dec. 14. He said some representatives of the farmers will meet with the legislature and inform them what they want. "All we want is a chance to make a profit."

Hargrove said that he and his wife and other farmers have figured how much they

make an hour as far as labor is concerned. With the prices today, Hargrove said the average farmer makes 40 cents an hour for his labor.

Bob Bergland, secretary of agriculture, will be in Cameron, MO, at 10 a.m., Dec. 10, to talk to some of the area farmers. Wood and Hargrove encourage everyone to listen to Bergland.

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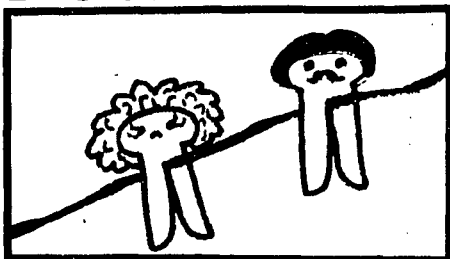
Suspense, comedy, colorful and more than a touch of the unusual make up the delightful elements in "Once Upon a Clothesline," this year's Alpha Psi Omega national honorary theater fraternity scholarship production. Performances will be held Dec. 12-14, at 1:30 p.m. each day and an 8 p.m. performance on the 12th in the auditorium of the Administration Building.

The Children's Theater production commences with the situation of two clothespins who accidentally fall to the ground where an evil black spider casts a dreadful spell on one of them. Other characters, such as birds, crickets and grasshoppers work to save the clothespin from the spell.

School children from Maryville and surrounding areas are invited to watch the hour-long play.

Admission charge is fifty cents, with proceeds going to the Alpha Psi Omega Scholarship Fund. Last year, seven scholarships for \$100 were awarded to speech and theater majors from this source.

Student directors for this production are Angie Felling and Dick Blair, with technical and acting advisement provided by supervisors David Shestak and Dr.



Charles Schultz, speech and theater instructors.

Members of the cast and their characters are: Vickie Clay - Bope, the little grasshopper; Teresa Elder - Pinnette; Rich Enfield - Mr. Grasshopper; Carroll Howell - Mrs. Ant; Leslie Jones - Mrs. Bird; Randy Kindred - Dr. Beatle; Steve Long - Mr. Bird; Ron Sadler - Mr. Cricket; Jody Searcy - Pinno; Dale Starnes - Boop, the little grasshopper; Ella Slaughter - Miss Butterfly and Mary Kay Mcdermott - The Black Spider.

Christmas formal set

Long dresses and dinner jackets will be coming out of the closets Dec. '6 as Inner Residence Hall Council (IRC) and Student Union Board (SUB) pool their resources to provide two bands for a Christmas formal dance.

Blackberry Winter, a band known for their hard rock style, will start festivities at 8:30 p.m. in the High Rise Annex. Starbird, known for their soft rock approach and their imitation of Top 40 material, will complete the evening's musical entertainment.

"We're (IRC and SUB) trying the two bands so that there will be something for everybody," said Greg Nicol, chairman for the IRC-SUB dance committee. "Both the bands are top quality," he continued, adding he hopes to have a turnout of around 400 students and faculty.

Nicol explained that the choice of location was determined when the group had difficulties acquiring the Union's Ballroom for the event. "We liked the nice atmosphere with adjustable lighting as well as the fact we are setting a precedent since no other dances have been held over there this year."

"SAGA will be working with us any way possible, and they are helping us prepare for the dance," said Nicol. "We will have refreshments although we haven't decided whether or not SAGA will provide them."

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After many years of dirt paths between Roberta Hall and the Student Union, grounds improvement crews have recently completed work on a sidewalk connecting the two points. Additional concrete will be laid on other campus "cow paths." Photo by Frank Mercer.

Sidewalks replace paths

Students noticing the completion of the sidewalk between Roberta Hall and the Union can be assured that this is only one of several improvements to be made on campus in the next year.

The campus is utilizing a \$115,068 federal grant, the Compensation Employment and Training Act, to hire local help until Sept., 1978.

Fourteen men are currently employed under federal salary, being hired through the Missouri Job Service and supervised by the University and receiving the University employment benefits.

"We're just now getting organized with these new people," explained Richard

Hallenberg, grounds crew director. "We also plan on clearing the brush by the railway and mulching trees. How much we get done before spring depends on the weather, though."

Additional sidewalks will include the path between the Union and the Administration Building, and the path between Colden Hall and the Union. Improvements will be made on the path from Martindale Gym to Colden Hall, but no plans are set for the method.

When winter halts the outside work, the grant-supported men will be reassigned to construction and improvement work in the buildings.

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Finals Schedule

Final exams begin at 1:00 p.m., Dec. 13 and end at 9:00 p.m. Dec. 19, 1977.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week: Date and hour of final exam:

9:00 Tuesday.....	Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 p.m.
11:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....	7:00 p.m.
2:00 Monday.....	Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
3:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Biol. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
1:00 Tuesday.....	Thursday, Dec. 15, 7:30 a.m.
Pol. Sci. 102.....	10:00 a.m.
12:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
P.E. 250.....	7:00 p.m.
Chem. 113.....	Friday, Dec. 16, 7:30 a.m.
8:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
1:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Sp. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
Hist. 151.....	Saturday, Dec. 17, 8:00 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday.....	10:30 a.m.
4:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
10:00 Tuesday.....	Monday, Dec. 19, 7:30 a.m.
11:00 Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
4:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.

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Fencers: A cut above the rest

Douglas Fairbanks and Errol Flynn excluded, America is not known as a country where fencing is a top sport. Yet the sport is practiced, with one club located on campus.

The sport itself is an outgrowth of dueling. It developed around the fifteenth century in Europe and was brought to the United States by Italian and French fencing masters. Dueling ceased in the United States at the end of the Civil War, but the sport caught on and has remained to the present.

In fencing, the object is to score a touch (or hit) with the sword. A hit is recorded when the fencer touches the opponent's chest area. This is done through a series of advances and retreats. A match lasts five minutes or until one participant scores five hits.

Fencing has achieved popularity in the United States, and clubs have sprung up throughout the country. One such club meets every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in

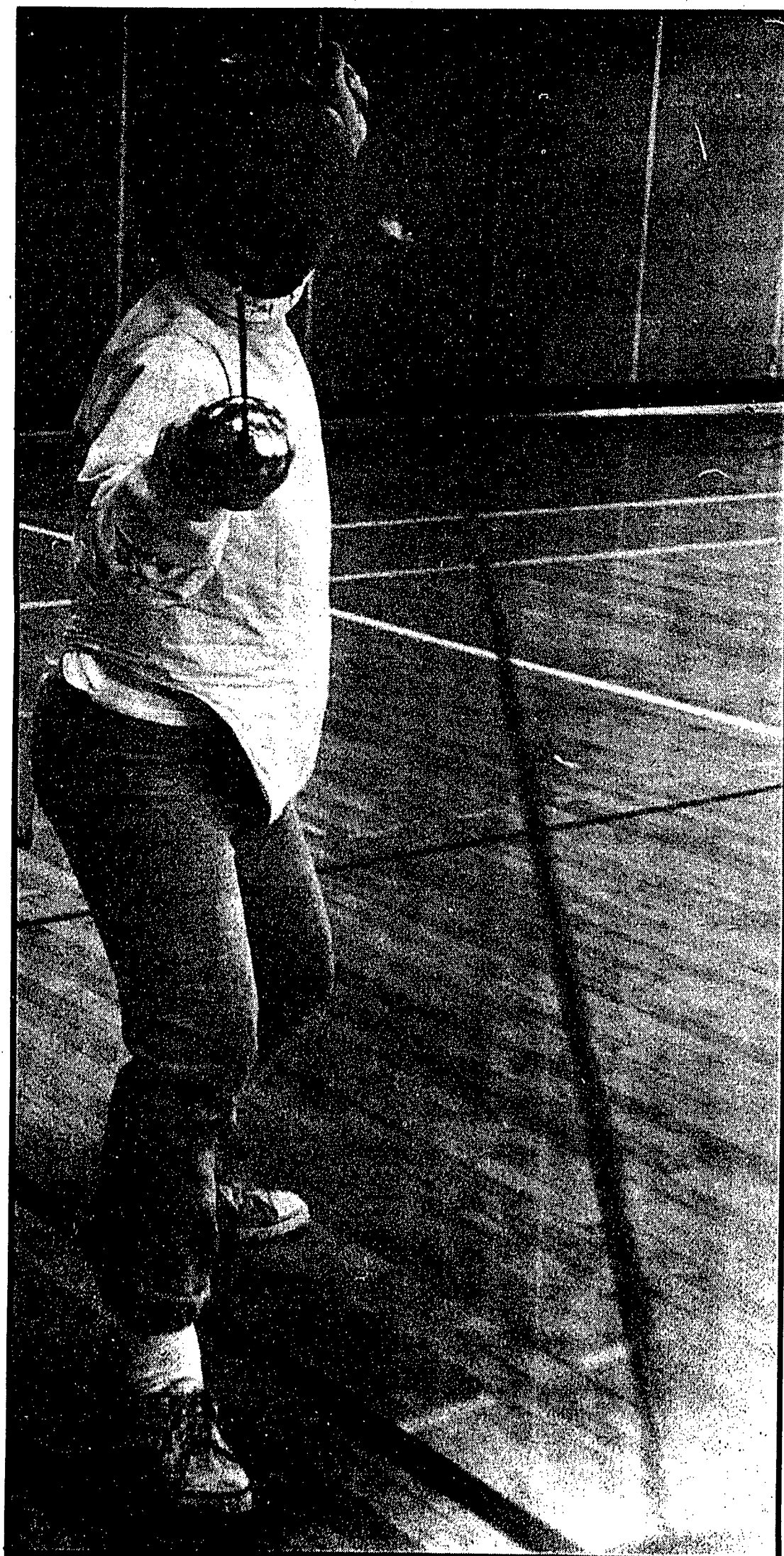
Martindale Gymnasium. The club is headed by Richard England, Maryville businessman, and Dorothy Walker, fencing instructor. Currently there are eight members in the club.

The club competes in the Kansas Amateur Division of Fencing, with most of the meets held around the Kansas City area. The Kansas division is just one of the fencing divisions in the country. Within the division, 18 tournaments are held each year.

According to England, the members of the club furnish their own transportation to tournaments. In addition, the proper equipment needed in order to compete costs around \$65.

In spite of the cost, those who fence enjoy it. "It's competitive," said England. "It's also something out of the ordinary; it's offbeat. It's a fascinating sport."

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photos by Frank Mercer



Fencing involves both speed and agility. At left, a fencer squares into attack position in hopes of scoring a hit; above right, two fencers lunge at each other during match; bottom photo, fencing instructor Dorothy Walker's class members sharpen their fencing skills.

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Dance marathon pledges funds



Also involved in the money-raising for muscular dystrophy were the members of IRC during Casino Night. The annual event was held in conjunction with the dance marathon this year. IRC members ran the gambling tables and later auctioned prizes to be purchased with the gamblers' winnings. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Over \$6,400 was raised Nov. 18-19 at Millikan Hall's dance marathon for muscular dystrophy in Lamkin Gym.

Millikan dorm council president Jo Boley and Becky Shaver, recruitment chairman, started preparation for the marathon in early July. Marathons such as this type are held at other universities, but, "this is the first of its kind at NWMSU," said Shaver.

President Dr. B.D. Owens, honorary marathon chairman, started off the evening's procedures along with the dancers. Each couple had sponsors pledging money for the number of hours danced.

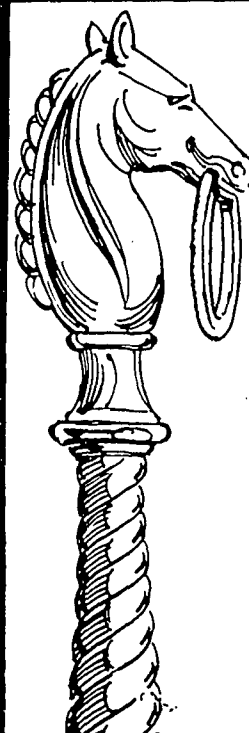
Music was supplied by area bands and the disco sounds of KKJO announcer Steve Carpenter.

Of the 26 couples who started the marathon, 20 finished. During the dance each couple received a 10-minute break every hour and also three meals.

The dancers kept themselves going by leap frogging, building human pyramids, dancing in lines and circles, playing follow the leader and exchanging partners.

After the dance, one couple said, "We're glad we were in this marathon. Now we'll begin our own sleep-a-thon and I know we can last longer than 24 hours."

Although prizes were awarded the couples, perhaps the main prize was the satisfaction of helping those people who couldn't be there to dance themselves.



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Bearfacts

KDLX will present its annual Christmas Charity remote from 9-12 p.m., Dec. 12, in the High Rise Cafeteria. The remote will feature dance contests and a live band, according to Charlie Ragusa.

Albums will be given away and items donated by local merchants will be auctioned off. Donations and proceeds from the event will be given to local charities.

The Art Club will hold a show and sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 3, in the lobby of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The show and sale will feature recent student works. All profits go to the Art Club.

Newman House, the University Catholic Center, 606 College Avenue, will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas, Dec. 6, with Christmas caroling at area nursing homes. A party at Newman House will follow.

The caroling group will leave the Newman House at 7 p.m. for the caroling and return for the party at 8:30. Everyone is invited.

The staffs of KDLX and KXCV will play the Bearkittens in the Annual KDLX Charity basketball game. The game will be at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 12, in Martindale Gym. Admission is 25 cents with the proceeds going to local charities this Christmas.

The Women's Track and Field Organization will hold a meeting 4 p.m., Dec. 5, for anyone who is interested in competing this season. The meeting will be in 102 Martindale.

Student Senate members will be posted at the Union information desk Dec. 8, 9, and 12 to distribute brochures containing information on the University. The recruitment committee encourages students to take these pamphlets and give them to high school friends who may be interested in NWMSU.

Pre-registration con't.

students, because of University-sponsored events, were allowed to pre-register the following Monday.

The Registrar's Office and the Admissions Office plan to exchange locations because of space limitations of the Registrar's Office.

The probability of this system being used again next semester "depends on how much space we have in our new office

and how my superiors feel about it," said Cooper.

Cooper predicted that only 2000 students would pre-register next spring, and she questions if students would be willing to pay the nonrefundable \$25 so far in advance. "It might be difficult for students to project what they will be doing four to five months in advance," said Cooper.



Hoyt Hayes, instructor of business and economics, left, has won the dubious and tongue-in-cheek honor of being the instructor most students would like to give the bird—a 20-pound Thanksgiving turkey. Hayes won the contest over Natalie Tackett by one vote. Third place went to Dr. Harold Jackson, and fourth place went to Dr. James Leu. Each of the runners-up received a Cornish game hen. Steve Thomas, a Union Board member, Co-chairman, is shown making the presentation. Photo by Chuck Stolz.

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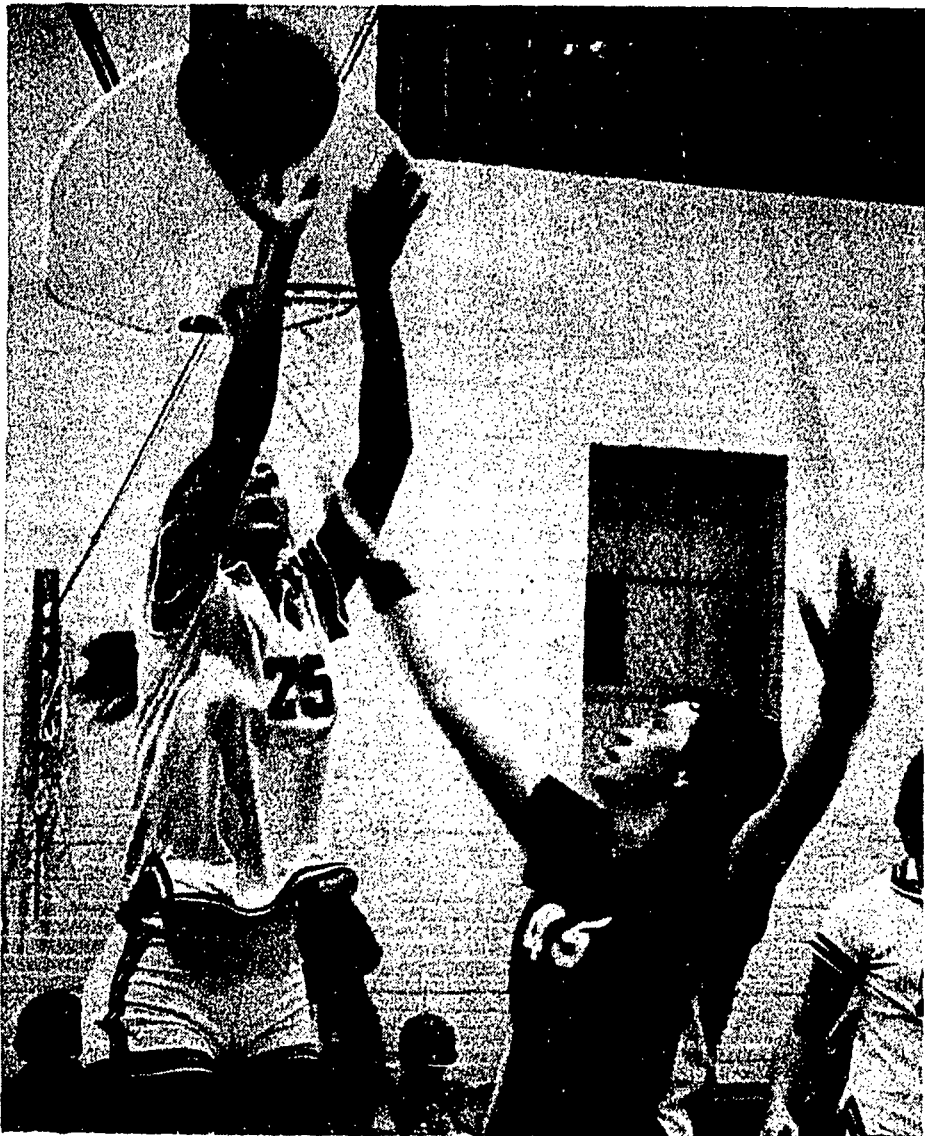
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Sports



Susan Crouch [in the white] puts up a shot against Southeast Missouri State in the Bearkittens' season opener. The 'Kittens won the game 90-44 and are 3-1 going into this weekend's tourney. Photo by Dave Gieseke.

Tournament slated for this weekend

Six men's and women's basketball teams invade Lamkin Gymnasium this Friday and Saturday to compete in the second annual Ryland Milner Invitational Tournament.

Also involved will be the host Bearcats and Bearkittens. Both teams finished second in their brackets last year.

Four games will be played each day. Games begin at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. Opening day begins with a women's contest involving Wayne State, NE and Tarkio, last year's champion. The next game is between the Bearkittens and Benedictine of Kansas.

Men's action gets underway with a six o'clock game between Wayne State, last year's men's winner, and Benedictine. The final game of opening day involves Missouri Baptist of St. Louis and the

Bearcats.

Saturday's action begins with the women's consolation game. The next game is the men's third place game. Women's championship begins at 6 p.m. The final game of the tourney will be the men's title game.

Four players return from last year's all-tournament teams. The only man is Wayne State's Bob Kelley.

Three women return including two Bearkittens. Tarkio's Jaci Junkman returns, as do the 'Kittens' Julie Schjmitz and Janet Cooksey, last year's tourney MVP and top scorer and rebounder.

Missouri Baptist, both Benedictine teams and the Wayne State women will be making their first tournament appearance.

On the sidelines

Dale Gard

Remember that old shopper's guide, "You get what you pay for?"

Now consider that when compared to baseball and the free agent draft. It becomes something more like you (the fan) pay for what the owners get--in this case free agent players.

Thanks to baseball's free agent rule, where a player may play out his option on a team and then put his talents up for sale to the highest bidder, baseball salaries have skyrocketed. Although some owners, most notably George Steinbrenner of the Yankees, argue that it is their duty as owner to provide the fans with as good a team as they can, they are actually doing the fans a disservice.

Witness the case in Boston, where it was recently announced that ticket prices would be increased for the next year. No mention, however, was made that less than a week earlier, the Red Sox had signed the highest paid player in their history, Mike Torrez. Torrez received a reported \$2.5 million to sign, even though he won only 17 games last year and has at best only been slightly better than average.

Another case would be in Los Angeles, where the Dodgers have announced a ticket increase on the heels of signing left-handed reliever Terry Forster for \$850,000, even though he suffered through a bad year in 1977.

In addition to these two teams, ten others have already announced price hikes for the 1978 season. A good share of the blame for this must go to the exorbitant prices paid to the free agents. But does the buying of these overpaid athletes always pay off?

The answer has to be "no." Of course, the exception would have to be the Yankees, who took the championship with such high priced stars as Catfish Hunter, Don Gullett, and, of course, Reggie Jackson, who carries a \$3 million pricetag.

But consider other teams, most notably the California Angels. In this winter and the past one they have spent over \$8 million of free agents and have nothing more to show for it than a fourth place finish in last year's league race. This year they have already shelled out enough money on Lyman Bostock, ex-Twin, to make him the highest paid player in baseball. All this in spite of the fact that he has yet to prove that he can play every day.

Consider two other teams; the Kansas City Royals and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Excluding the Dodgers' recent signing of Forster, both teams have gone quite a way through a successful farm system and astute trades.

The Dodgers made it into the World Series and the Royals looked like they were going to until some last minute Yankee heroics stalled them. It is also noteworthy that neither team suffered through the turmoil within the club that the higher-priced Yankees did.

What it all boils down to is that the owners are mixed up. They mistakenly think their most important commodity is the good ball player. Actually, it is the fan, for if fans didn't attend games, certainly the team could not exist.

Therefore, the owners had better wise up concerning this free agent game, before they price the fan and the great participation sport of baseball out of the ball park.

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Albertson gets conference honors

Seven Bearcat football players received mention on the All-MIAA team selected by the league's football coaches. Heading the list of 'Cats was senior Marty Albertson.

Albertson received first-team honors at two positions, defensive back and punter. An All-MIAA punter in 1976 also, Albertson this year averaged 39.2 yards per kick. Defensively, he led the 'Cats with 244 defensive points. Albertson was the only Bearcat who captured first-team honors.

Three Bearcats were named to the second-team offensive team, one to the defensive second team and two got honorable mention.

On the second-team offense were tackle Mike Renfrow, guard Mark Bowers and running back Dan Montgomery, who rushed for 864 yards for the season.

The 'Cats' second-team defensive player was defensive back Darrell Davis. Davis was second on the Bearcats' defensive points list with 194.

Honorable mention went to two defensive players for the Bearcats. Receiving honors were nose guard Lewis Kincade and defensive end Wayne Allen.

Northeast Missouri State led the conference in first-team picks with eight, including league most valuable player Steve Powell, a running back who ranked

high all year in NCAA Division II rushing statistics.

Trailing Northeast in first team selections were Missouri-Rolla, five; Southeast Missouri State, four; Southwest Missouri State, Central Missouri State, and Northwest, two each; and Lincoln, with one.



Thom Shannon (on right) presents the all-school football trophy to members of the Wild Bunch after they defeated the TKE No. 1 team in the final intramural game of the year. The Wild Bunch defeated the TKEs 7-0 on a touchdown off an intercepted pass. Photo by Don Santoya.

Matmen wrestle with improving

Bearcat wrestlers hope to improve their last year's second-place finish in the MIAA conference this season which starts Dec. 3 at the Graceland Tournament.

"I think we'll do well, but it will be tough. We have always done well there, though," said Coach George Worley.

Last year's dual record stood at 13-3. Besides finishing second in the conference, the 'Cats placed 17th in the nation last year.

"It's going to be pretty hard to improve on last year's record. To do this we must stay away from injuries," said Worley.

According to Worley, the Bearcats will once again be battling Central Missouri State for the conference crown.

We would like to improve on our MIAA standings," Worley said.

One of the top wrestlers for the 'Cats is 118-pounder, Mike Cowell. Last year he compiled a 29-6-1 record.

"We're expecting him to repeat his performance," said Worley.

Other top wrestlers are Ray Siegrist at 142, Marty Carter, a 158-pounder, and

Glen Zenor at 177. Another top 'Cat is heavyweight Tim McGinnis.

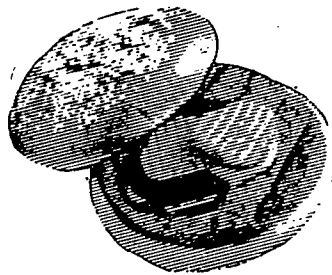
"We're expecting good seasons out of all of them," said Worley.

"I've been real happy with the way practice has gone so far this year. WE have had a few minor injuries but nothing serious," said Worley.

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When such an event takes place on a small campus in a small town in a rural area, it sometimes seems more than can be comprehended. It looks stiff, pompous, out-of-touch with reality.

Comments during and after the ceremony reflected the feeling that many people appreciated the beauty and the solemnity of the ceremony. The Mace, created by faculty members Lee Hageman

The Stroller

After a fattening Thanksgiving vacation, your campus glutton came back to Missouri's Most Beautiful Campus in the highest of Christmas spirits.

Always one to be prepared, your campus merry-maker brought back from home some essential Christmas supplies--a super-duper box of nifty double-flashing lights (all colors), a set of golden balls to hang on the tree and the most important of all, "The Chipmunks Sing Christmas Favorites."

So, upon returning to his dusty, but insect-free room, your Stroller decided that it was indeed time to acquire a Christmas tree.

Making the rounds to see if anyone else wanted to go on the annual Christmas tree run, your Stroller was surprised to hear a voice exclaim, "But there aren't any stores open. Where are we going to buy a tree?"

"Must be a freshman," thought your Stroller as he explained to the eager-eyed lad the procedure for acquiring a Christmas tree.

Assuring the Stroller that he understood the procedure, the novice begged to be let in on the annual Christmas tree run. Seeing no harm in it, your good-hearted Stroller agreed, and the unlikely twosome bounded off to the freshman's car.

The daring duo then proceeded to a local business which handles the sticky seasonal shrubs.

"OK, you stay in the car and keep it running, while I go for the tree."

"No sweat," said the freshman.

While most people would have grabbed the first one and took off running, your Stroller decided that for his tree, he couldn't have just any old sap. So he carefully surveyed the merchandise and chose a 5-foot fir.

Grabbing it and sprinting back to the waiting auto, your Stroller threw the tree into the back seat and calmly said, "Let's go."

In all the excitement, the novice chauffeur forgot to put the car in gear, and the car revved up to 400 decibels as the nervous freshman pressed the accelerator. "Wonderful," thought your Stroller. "Make a little more noise. Let's get caught tree-napping."

Just then, two head lights beamed around the corner and your Stroller, sweating a little by this time, quickly opened the car door and threw out the tree.

The freshman finally got off of the horn and got the car in gear and the two drove off.

Looking back over his shoulder, your Stroller saw a car-load of young men picking up the tree that he had hastily discarded.

Burning up at this point, your Stroller stared icily at his bumbling companion who could only muster up a meek "Merry Christmas."

and Philip-VanVoorst, especially impressed many in the audience.

But what it's all about is people: eight-four-year-old President Emeritus J.W. Jones who received a long round of applause after he was presented one of the University's 1977 Distinguished Service Awards, President Dr. B.D. Owens and his wife, Sue, who shared a tear at this moving and important event in their lives, the retired faculty members who came to see

one of their own students inaugurated as NWMSU President.

At the luncheon following the Inauguration, the warmth and humanness of the participants became more evident.

Missouri Secretary of State James Kirkpatrick, emcee, set the tone for the warm tributes and friendly "roasting" to follow. Personal greetings and congratulations came from every level - from Rex Gwinn, president of Student Senate, and

Marlin Slagle, Maryville mayor, to Thomas E. Colman, U.S. Representative.

And, finally, President Owens and his wife rose to accept a standing ovation, their personal feelings visible in the quick kiss they shared.

Dr. Owens has set the precedent for beauty, dignity and serious tradition in campus ceremonials. But he has also imbued that ceremony with humanity, and that's what it's all about.

Editorial Board Vote:

5, agree 2, disagree 1, no comment



President Owens and wife Sue share a moment during the recessional. Photo by Chuck Stolz.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Recently I was in Maryville and happened to get a look at a Northwest Missourian. I was reading over the article on the Walkenhorst Brothers, and I was surprised to almost find my name listed with the three other musicians that used to play with them.

The only reason I am bringing this to your attention is because in a Missourian article of last year I was mentioned as Brad Wilson. In the latest Walkenhorst article I find my name is Chuck Oleson. This has really mixed me up in my search for identity and could result in permanent emotional scars.

I greatly enjoyed reading the article on Bob and Rex. Keep writing good things about them, and you will never wake up to find a turnip in your sock.

Sincerely,
Buck Oleson

Editor's Note:

The mistake was unintentional, and sincere apologies are offered to you, Mr. Oleson. Glad to see you haven't lost your sense of humor along with your identity.

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reference to a letter you printed in the Nov. 18 issue of The Missourian.

I am a checker at the Union Cafeteria and have been for several months. I have seen many students slip thru lines without a meal ticket, share a tray with a friend and generally steal food.

In the last few weeks, the cafeteria management has enacted new rules on the way the cafeteria is run. No one can eat without a meal ticket.

The only way I can be sure that no food is stolen is to refuse to let anyone in without a meal ticket, and these rules are posted on the checker's counter at the cafeteria.

I have only one gripe about this rule. Harassment. I have been cussed out, viciously threatened with bodily harm, and it is very upsetting. I am scared to walk alone at nite and wish this would stop. I am only doing my job.

If I don't follow rules, I get fired, and I can't afford that. If my friends and fellow students are my friends, they won't ask me to slip them by or harass me when I refuse them entrance.

These rules wouldn't need to be enforced if the students wouldn't take advantage of the bit of freedom they had.

Wendy Kennedy

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